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Report of the Jesse Ketchum Memorial Commission

To the Governor and the Legislature:

I have the honor to submit the report of the Jesse Ketchum Memorial Commission.

This Commission was created by Chapter 500 of the Laws of 1914 for the purpose of erecting a bronze statue to Jesse Ketchum to commemorate his services in the cause of public education in providing for the use of the State of New York the site now occupied by the Buffalo State Normal School. The Act creating the Commission also appropriated the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose and also to defray the actual necessary traveling and other expenses of the Commission incurred in pursuance of its official duties.

The members of the Commission appointed by Governor Martin H. Glynn under the Act were as follows: Edward H. Butler, A. Conger Goodyear, David E. Peugeot, Daniel Upton and Edward H. Gallagher, all of whom immediately qualified after their appointment for the discharge of the duties imposed by the Act, excepting Edward H. Gallagher, in whose place and stead in April, 1915, Governor Charles S. Whitman appointed Mr. Hobart Weed, now deceased, who duly qualified, and became the fifth member of the Commission.

On September 22, 1914, the Commission was organized by the election of Edward H. Butler as chairman and David E. Peugeot as Secretary.

An invitation was thereafter extended to various sculptors and artists to submit designs and estimates of cost, etc., which were given full discussion and consideration at subsequent meetings of the Commission, and it was decided that the appropriation was wholly inadequate for the purposes named in the statute, and it was decided by the Commission to ask the Legislature of 1915 so to amend the Act as to give the Commission greater discretion as to the form that the Memorial should take, for after a thorough study of the subject, the Commission were unanimously of the opinion that a Memorial that would be of service in the work of the Buffalo Normal School would be far more appropriate and in keeping with the character and efforts of Jesse Ketchum during his lifetime.

Chapter 173 of the Laws of 1915, approved April 3, 1915, amending Chapter 500 of the Laws of 1914, gave the Commission the desired discretion to select and purchase a Memorial which in its judgment would be suitable and appropriate to accomplish the purpose of the statute, and it also provided that a feature of the Memorial should be a bronze tablet with appropriate marking or wording that it was erected in commemoration of the services of Jesse Ketchum in the cause of public education.

On April 30, 1915, the Commission met and re-elected its former officers and also decided to have built and installed in the Assembly-room of the new Buffalo Normal School building, a pipe organ for use in the work of the school, together with the tablet required by the law as amended. Invitations were thereupon extended to various organ-building companies to send representatives to look over the premises and submit bids for the necessary work required to build and install an organ and subsequently a contract was awarded to the Hook & Hastings Co. of Kendall Green, Mass., whose bid of \$4,800.00 for the complete work was deemed, after consultation with expert organist, as most advantageous to the State. A bid of \$200.00 for the design and construction of the Tablet by John Harrison

Mills of Buffalo was also accepted by the Commission and a contract awarded to him.

During the summer of 1916 the organ was installed in the Assembly-room of the school and was thoroughly tested by the greatest organists of Buffalo before being accepted by the Commission. These organists pronounced the instrument a perfect and splendid organ and heartily congratulated the Commission on the choice.

The dedication of the organ and the unveiling of the Tablet took place on the eleventh day of January, 1917, with the following programme:

DEDICATION OF THE JESSE KETCHUM MEMORIAL, JANUARY 11,
1917,

AT THE

AUDITORIUM, BUFFALO STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

Order of Exercises.

Introductory RemarksMR. EDWARD H. BUTLER
Chairman Jesse Ketchum Memorial Commission.

The Ketchum Memorial IdeaMR. DAVID E. PEUGEOT
Secretary Jesse Ketchum Memorial Commission.

Organ SelectionsMR. SETH CLARK
Organist Trinity Church.

Prelude HeroicFaulkes
At TwilightFrysinger
IntermezzoHollins
VersetClausmann
Marche PittoresqueKroeger

Remarks Concerning the Life and Influence of Jesse Ketchum.....
DR. HENRY P. EMERSON
Superintendent of Education, Buffalo, N. Y.

Song — "Alma Mater"NORMAL SCHOOL STUDENTS

Remarks Concerning the Life of John Harrison Mills, Who Designed
the Ketchum Tablet.....THE REV. L. O. WILLIAMS
Pastor Church of the Messiah, Buffalo, N. Y.

Song — "America"STUDENTS AND GUESTS

At the top of the Tablet in relief is a portrait of Jesse Ketchum and in the lower right-hand corner is the Great Seal of the State of New York. The inscription on the Tablet reads as follows:

"To commemorate with honor the life and efforts of Jesse Ketchum, a citizen of Buffalo and a loyal friend of public education, the State of New York erects this Tablet and has installed the organ in this School — October 4th, 1916."

The total amount appropriated by the State for the Jesse Ketchum Memorial was \$5,000.00, and while the Act provided for the payment of the necessary traveling and incidental expenses of the Commission out of the appropriation, the members of the Commission have taken great pleasure in giving their services to the performance of the duties imposed upon them by the Statute, and have incurred no expenses for travel or communication, and this has enabled them to make the full sum appropriated by the State available for the Memorial.

The Commission, therefore, is very happy to report that of the \$5,000.00 available for its use it has disbursed the appropriation as follows:

To the Hook & Hastings Co., Kendall Green, Mass., for building and installing the organ....	\$4,800 00
To John Harrison Mills, Buffalo, N. Y., for de- signing and casting bronze tablet.....	200 00
Total	<u>\$5,000 00</u>

That the Commission has no outstanding obligations whatever and that its work is completed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Commission,

DAVID E. PEUGEOT,

Secretary.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 23, 1917.





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